

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A light emitting device, comprising:
a light emitting element to emit ultraviolet light;
a phosphor layer that includes phosphor glass to generate fluorescence while being excited by the ultraviolet light emitted from the light emitting element; and
an optical system to converge the ultraviolet light emitted from the light emitting element,
wherein the light emitting element is disposed opposite the optical system, and the optical system is disposed in an optical axis direction of the light emitting element.
2. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor glass includes, as a glass component, at least one of Tb³⁺ (terbium), Eu²⁺ (divalent europium) and Eu³⁺ (trivalent europium).
3. (Previously presented) A light emitting device, comprising:
a light emitting element; and
a phosphor layer that includes phosphor glass to generate fluorescence while being excited by light emitted from the light emitting element,
wherein the light emitting element emits ultraviolet light, and the phosphor glass generates visible fluorescence while being excited by the ultraviolet light, and the phosphor glass comprises a low-melting phosphor glass doped with a fluorescence activation element,
wherein:
the phosphor layer includes a plurality of layers including different kinds of phosphor glass.
4. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor layer includes a transparent material and particles including said phosphor glass that are dispersed in the transparent material.

5. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 4, wherein:
the particles including said phosphor glass include different kinds of phosphor glass.
6. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 4, wherein:
the phosphor layer includes a phosphor material other than the phosphor glass, the
phosphor material being dispersed in the transparent material.
- 7-12. (Canceled).
13. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the optical system comprises a convex lens.
14. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the optical system comprises a reflection mirror.
15. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor glass comprises a low-melting phosphor glass doped with a fluorescence
activation element.
16. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor glass comprises a fluorophosphate glass.
17. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor layer includes a plurality of layers including different kinds of phosphor
glass.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Previously presented) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the optical system is disposed away from the light emitting element.
20. (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:

the optical system comprises a reflection mirror that is disposed anteriorly in the optical axis direction of the light emitting element and away from the light emitting element, and

the phosphor layer is disposed posteriorly in the optical axis direction of the light emitting element.

21. (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor layer is disposed at a window of a housing in which the light emitting element is housed.

22. (New) The light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein:
the phosphor layer is disposed at a window of a housing in which the light emitting element is housed, and
the phosphor layer is formed planar.